

TOWN TAX OF 40 CENTS ADVISED

Selectmen in Their Annual Report Think Increase of Five Cents is Required—Reports of Other Town Officers.

The annual auditor's report and exhibit of the town of Brattleboro, together with the reports of other town officers, are now in the hands of the selectmen and will be issued in a pamphlet form next week. The selectmen's report shows a balance on the town account of \$2,526.31, as against \$2,526.31 at the end of last year. The actual amount expended by the town during the year ended Feb. 1, 1907, is \$41,154.41, or \$38,628.10 more than the balance on hand. This year, however, the town has paid, while last year the amount paid on the bonded debt was \$2,000. The selectmen estimate that \$17,685.59 will be needed to meet the town's needs for the year ending Feb. 1, 1908. The selectmen estimate that the town tax of 35 cents on the assessed value of the town will raise \$2,526.31, which would be a decrease of five cents from the present rate of 40 cents. The selectmen estimate that the town tax of 40 cents on the assessed value of the town will raise \$3,277.78. Under license the town tax was reduced to 25 cents but last year it was raised to 35 cents, where it formerly was.

In their annual report the selectmen state that all bills against the town have been paid except a few small ones that have been made and are now in good condition, although some will have to be replaced and repaid the coming year. Extensive repairs have been made on the town house, which makes the building show a considerable amount against the town. The postoffice has been leased for five years at a figure which means an increase in rental of \$225 a year, but in order to get this increase some alterations and improvements had to be made. The town's taxes, the selectmen state, have been collected to within \$500 of the full amount, part of which is estimated good. The grand list is \$3,344.41, an increase of \$930.11 over last year. The town school directors recommend an increase of 15 cents in the school tax, making the total 50 cents instead of 35 cents. Following are the selectmen's estimated expenses and resources for the coming year:

Expenses.	Resources.
Bonds due Jan. 1, 1908.	\$3,000.00
Interest on bonded debt.	2,700.00
Library appropriation.	1,800.00
Town officers.	1,700.00
Dues collector.	400.00
Support of poor.	3,000.00
State highway tax, due June 10, 5 per cent.	2,566.95
State school tax, due June 10, 5 per cent.	4,107.12
County tax, 1 per cent.	513.44
Electric lights.	1,800.00
Bridges.	300.00
Assessment of taxes.	1,000.00
Health officer.	500.00
Interest on temporary loan.	500.00
Care of commons and burial grounds.	350.00
Miscellaneous.	2,000.00
	\$26,827.51
Balance in treasury Feb. 1, 1907.	\$1,154.41
State school tax, 8 per cent.	4,107.12
State highway tax, 5 per cent.	2,566.95
County tax, 1 per cent.	513.44
Dues on tax bills.	800.00
	\$9,141.92
Amount to be raised by tax.	\$17,685.59
35-cent tax will raise.	\$17,970.55
40-cent tax will raise.	\$20,537.76

Treasurer's Account.	Dr.	Cr.
W. H. Brackett, treasurer, in account with the town of Brattleboro:		
Balance on hand last report	\$2,526.31	
Received of R. E. Gordon, collector.	960.71	
W. A. Shaw, collector.	34,582.07	
Money borrowed.	19,000.00	
E. E. Fox, manager Auditor's tax.	2,647.45	
Postoffice rent.	89.75	
Dues money account.	499.40	
Rent of island.	50.00	
Half of liquor licenses.	20.00	
West Brattleboro sewer assessments.	52.00	
J. A. Lewis, fine.	5.00	
Ernest Dodge, fine.	2.00	
J. O. Connell, fine.	5.00	
O. H. Ellis, stallion fee.	10.00	
P. Alexander, fine.	6.51	
P. Thomas, fine.	6.51	
Lumber sold.	3.00	
A. W. Nesbit, account Brattleboro St. R. R.	92.89	
D. B. B. B. B.	351.40	
D. B. B. B. B.	3.50	
Check list sold.	2.50	
Hinsdale, 12 bridge expense.	82.02	
J. L. Stockwell, Town farm.	340.95	
	\$62,052.67	
Cr.		\$3,000.00
Interest, loan of Jan. 1, 1907.		1,400.00

LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND

Is acknowledged to be the most successful remedy in the country for those painful ailments peculiar to women.

For more than 30 years it has been curing Female Complaints, such as Inflammation, and Ulceration, Piling and Displacements, and consequent Spinal Weakness, Backache, and is peculiarly adapted to the Change of Life.

Records show that it has cured more cases of Female Ills than any other one remedy known.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound dissolves and expels Tumors at an early stage of development. Dragging Sensations causing Pain, weight, and headache are relieved and permanently cured by its use.

It corrects Irregularities or Painful Functions, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility, also, Dizziness, Faintness, Extreme Lassitude, "Don't care" and want-to-be-left-alone feeling, Irritability, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Flatulency, Melancholia or the "Blues." These are sure indications of female weakness or some organic derangement.

For Kidney Complaints of either sex Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a most excellent remedy.

Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation to Women

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. for advice. She is the Mrs. Pinkham who has been advising sick women free of charge for more than twenty years, and before that she assisted her mother-in-law Lydia E. Pinkham in advising. This she is well qualified to guide sick women back to health. Her advice is free and always helpful.



LYDIA E. PINKHAM

634-100%. The Brattleboro library now stands first among those of the state which have not received large endowments from individuals and its success has been derived directly from the liberal and general interest of the town itself. The total number of books issued during the past year is 31,148, a slight increase over 1905. A large number of valuable and important works have been purchased during the past year from the Grant fund.

School Directors' Report.

The town school directors' report that 11 legal schools have been maintained besides two terms in district No. 15. They state, however, that it is quite possible that the new law relating to legal schools will cause the closing of one or more of the smaller schools. They ask the consideration of the voters on the question of locating a new schoolhouse in the vicinity of the old brick yard. During the past year the directors received from Brattleboro academy \$105.61 more than last year. The shrinkage in receipts from regular sources, however, has greatly curtailed the amount of the school funds. The portion received from the state school tax was \$432.49 less than the previous year, from the town tax \$346.25 less and from the interest on the United States deposit money \$142.21 less, making a total decrease from these sources of \$920.95. The United States money has heretofore yielded \$775.69 annually, but since this fund has been recalled, nothing will be received from this source hereafter. The directors call attention to the fact that the new law setting apart \$20,000 for relates to be paid for towns that pay for transportation of pupils and the law providing for rebates for tuition paid for higher education bases the condition of such rebates on a 50% school tax. They, therefore, believe it wise to take advantage of the benefits offered by these laws and recommend a town school tax of 50%.

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

Rev. L. M. Keniston, superintendent of town schools, reports that the past year has been very successful and that the schools in Centerville and West Brattleboro have made marked progress, which is doubtless due in considerable part to a growing spirit of studying recesses among the adult population and of teachers and young people when not in school. Truancy, he says, has been locally epidemic in other schools, but wholly unknown in these. The trouble in nearly all these cases seems to be with the parents.

Health Officer's Report.

Dr. Henry Tucker, health officer, states that the town has had one of the most extensive epidemics of whooping cough in its history the past year. The first case was reported March 30, 1906, and up to Feb. 1 of this year 176 cases had been reported. Dr. Tucker says that the failure of the quarantine precautions was due in a large measure to the failure of families to recognize the disease in its early stages, also to the unfortunate idea prevalent among many parents that whooping cough is a malady that every child must have sooner or later. During the past year the town has seen a material gain in sanitation but there is still work to be done along this line. What was said last year in regard to the sanitary conditions of the town house is still true. In closing Dr. Tucker says that should the Brattleboro dam materialize the growth of Brattleboro is inevitable and the question of proper water supply and proper sewerage will become more and more important.

TAKE ANOTHER FROM SPRINGFIELD

Athletics Defeated Aspirants for State Championship in a Rough Contest in Which Bothwell Was the Star.

The Brattleboro Athletics clinched their struggle hold on the Vermont state basketball championship Wednesday evening in Festival hall by again adding Springfield to their list of vanquished by the score of 38 to 23. The game was a pretty contest to watch but was the roughest seen here this season. Church was the worst offender. He gave his attention strictly to covering Davey and "roughhouse" when not otherwise engaged. There was a rumor that Springfield intended to take the game and this was strengthened by the announcement that Doran, who was to have helped Brattleboro, was sick in his home in Holyoke. It looks from the lineup as if the rumor regarding the Springfield intentions was founded upon fact. In their lineup was "Bucky" Lew, the colored player from Lowell, Mass., and Church and Walker from the same city. Ellis from the Company D team of St. Johnsbury team was also with the visitors and Mathieu was the only Springfield man in the lineup.

The local boys went out to win the game. Riley played his farewell game as he has resigned all connection with basketball hereafter. He demonstrated that old age is not the reason for his retirement by the way in which he played Lew. At all times he clung to the dusky guard as if the colored man was a wad of \$100 notes. The boy from the Sunny South had work and they broke over him in buckets with one each. Bothwell played one of the best games he has ever put up on the local floor. He shot 10 baskets for his team besides lending a willing hand in all the mills. Just at the close of the first period he propelled Mathieu over his head and when the visitor struck the floor he took the count. Walker was another to take an excursion into the ozone and one of two others were treated likewise. Ellis was treated by throwing him around for old times sake. He forgot himself once or twice, however, and then Ellis was tossed about like a pingpong ball. Davey played a good game at center and took the bat-off from Church whenever he wished. Stafford played a good game at guard, but shot poor. Haggerty played his usual graceful game and did some pretty shooting. His passing was of a high order and he mixed in the scrimmages more than usual. Lew played a good game for the visitors as did Walker. Mathieu did some good floor work. Ellis was handicapped by Bothwell's superior strength, but otherwise played a good game.

All the games of late seem to have got into the habit of starting off with the Athletics gaining a commanding lead. This was no exception and the Athletics dropped in five before the visitors began to work. Before the game had fairly started Bothwell dropped in his first and Haggerty followed suit with a pair. Riley then



10 cts.



Do save the Coupons for the little ones.

engaged one and Haggerty another. Davey brought the crowd to its feet with a shot from the center of the floor that dropped in without touching the hoop. The visitors then shot three. At this period of the game Church persisted in being naughty at the bat-off and was penalized twice for an illegal jump. The period closed with the score 17 to 6. The next two periods were slam bang basketball with the Athletics pulling farther and farther away at every jump. The visitors kept hard at work but were simply outclassed. They knew that they were beaten but kept up a game fight. When the carnage was over the score board showed the score 38 to 23.

A crowd of 500 people was present and made the welkin ring with its applause. There were plenty of exciting incidents in the game and not one backed for cheers. March refereed his usual good game. At first the visitors struck for an umpire as well as a referee. But when they had started the game they were absolutely satisfied. They did not mention a single decision and six fouls were called on Church for his work. The summary:

ATHLETICS. Springfield, 38. Riley, 14. Baggerty, 11. Walker, 10. Church, 10. Stafford, 10. Bothwell, 10. Score: Athletics 38, Springfield 23; goals from floor, Bothwell 10, Haggerty 4, Davey 2, Stafford, Riley, Church 3, Walker 3, Ellis 3, Lew; points on fouls, Athletics 2, Springfield 3; referee, March; timer, F. Allen; scorer, William Riley; time, three 15-minute periods; attendance, 500.

Emeralds Too Much for Midgets.

The Emeralds played a return game with the Midgets five of Springfield last Friday night and won the second game by the score of 16 to 6. In a former game played in Festival hall the Emeralds were also victorious. Summary:

EMERALDS. 16. Midgets, 6. Daney, 10. Spaulding, 10. Riley, 10. Warren, 10. Richardson, 10.

Score: Emeralds 16, Midgets 6; goals from floor, Spaulding 2, Riley 2, Daney, Warren 2, Richardson, Flynn; goals from fouls, Riley 2, Flynn 4.

Manager Riley Retires.

Dan F. Riley, manager of the Brattleboro Athletics basketball team, will begin work Monday as bookkeeper in the office of E. Crosby & Co. This change means that he will sever his connection with local sports. Mr. Riley has acted as manager of the basketball team known as the Athletics for two seasons, and last year managed a baseball team by that name. He has furnished the public with clean sport, and unlike many former sporting managers has never been obliged to pass the hat to make up a deficit at the close of any season. Local sport lovers will regret that Mr. Riley is obliged to retire from athletics in Brattleboro but all wish him well in his new position. Leslie Stafford will act as manager of the Athletics during the remainder of the season with James Davey as assistant manager.

Sporting Notes.

Arthur Hough, a former Brattleboro boy, is a member of the White River Junction basketball team which the Athletics defeated last Thursday evening.

Among the professional basketball players turned out by Springfield now is making a better reputation this season than Florence Haggerty. Haggerty has attracted great attention that he was made a member of the Gloversville (N. Y.) team, while that star aggregation was touring New England recently. The Gloversville team claims the professional championship of the world and the Springfield team is engaged to play with it in its most important games. Haggerty is a basket ball player, a hard man to stop when he starts to cage a basket. He has been in the game for several years, having been considered a player of the first class when the Western Massachusetts league was in existence. Later he played with Haverhill in the New England league and did splendid work. This season he has played some games with the Dolphins of Bristol, Conn., and will probably play with Brattleboro, Vt., for the remainder of the season—Springfield Union, Feb. 20.

EAGLES SPOUT PINIONS.

Local Member of Order Sustained Broken Leg During Ceremonies. The Brattleboro acie of Eagles held an initiation of a class of six en-

acted Monday evening. The ceremonies began at 8.30 in the evening and lasted until the small hours of the following morning when the eagles began to growl their pinions and started out into the world as full fledged eagles, feathers and all. At 8.30 Monday evening the inhabitants along Main street were suddenly attracted to the windows by the deep rolling of drums and the clear notes of a bugle. All rushed to the nearest windows and saw a band of fantastically garbed men solemnly marching up the street. In the lead marched a specimen of the "capra domestica," which looked and acted as if it were ready for business at a moment's notice. After the parade had gone over the principal streets to the accompaniment of a large amount of red fire the company adjourned to Eagles' hall in the Letting block, where they spent the time until a delegation of brother Eagles from Greenfield arrived on the 11.18. While the hall one of the old friends, William Belden, started in to show the younger members of the acie the proper method of flying and became entangled in some way with an eagle. In the scuffle that followed Belden's right leg was broken just above the ankle.

When the delegation arrived from Greenfield the visitors went to G. A. R. hall, conveyed by all the local Eagles. The remainder of the evening was spent in a social manner and the supper was served. The visitors left the following morning on the 5.28 train and were very much in their approval of the way that they had been used by the brothers in this town.

TAXATION PROBLEM.

Excellent Paper Given by A. P. Carpenter Monday Evening.

A fair-sized audience gathered in the Brooks House Monday evening at the regular meeting of the Brattleboro Professional club. The first business of the meeting was to dispose of an excellent supper served by the Brooks House. After the argument with the vintners had been settled in favor of the professional men the entire company adjourned to the parlor where the subject of a Tax on Inheritances and Incomes was discussed. Attorney H. G. Barber was scheduled to lead the discussion but as he was unable to be present Judge James L. Martin assumed the chair at the request of those present. The paper of the evening was given by Attorney Arthur P. Carpenter. He began by stating that taxes while a part of every man's duty are the most cordially hated of all debts. However, he went on to state, there is no way in which a citizen may be spared to a better advantage for a community or civilization. He then defined direct and indirect taxes. 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